THE NEWS IN LONDON.

SOUTH AFRICA-IRELAND-"GEORGE ELIOT." FURTHER TROUBLES APPREHENDED FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVOLT-MR, BRIGHT RESOLVED NOT TO REPLY TO LORD CARNARVON'S ATTACK-THE MARQUIS OF RIPON CERTAIN TO RETIRE FROM INDIA SOON-IRELAND STILL UNMANAGE-ABLE-THE LATE "GEORGE ELIDT."

The London cable dispatch to THE TRIBUNE states that the revolt in the Transvaal may cause further troubles in South Africa and give rise to Liberal dissensions at home. An Irish judge says the jury system is ineffective in Ireland. Mr. Bright does not intend to reply to the Earl of Carnarvon. The withdrawal of the Marquis of Ripon from India is deemed certain. Lord Lytton intends to defend his administration. "George Eliot" is to be buried in Kensal Green Cemetery on Wednesday.

LEADING TOPICS IN LONDON.

THE TRANSVAAL REVOLT AND THE IRISH TURMOIL OCCUPYING PUBLIC ATTENTION-THE EAST IN-DIAN VICEROVALTY-MINISTER LOWELL POPU-

[EY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.]

London, Saturday, Dec. 25, 1880. The catastrophe in South Africa divides attention with Ireland momentarily. Those most familiar with the condition of the Cape say the disaster is pregnant of other disasters. Moreover, It occasions divisions among the Liberals here, many induential leaders strengly disapproving alike of the original annexation of the Transvasl, and Giad-Slone's decision to retain that ill-gotten booty, justly considering the seizure of the Boers' country an exet of inwiess violence, the people of the annexed happily, the merits of the question are immaterialto decline to reconquer the revolted province. It is plains that the refusal by Greece to accept the arbitraintimated that the Cape people view the disturbance with satisfaction, hoping to secure heavy reinforce-

TURBULENCE IN IRELAND.

The situation in Ireland remains essentially unchanged, though steadily growing worse as the tyrannical conspiracy of the Land League tightens its grip on the community: the Government has shown no sign of action, anticipating the suspension of the habeas corpus, as lately intimated. Reports are daily received from magistrates and officials of every degree announcing the impossibility of executing the ordinary processes of law. Mr. Fitzgeraid, among the most learned and respected of Irish judges, expresses from the bench doubt of the the present jury system, " Boycotting " has reached | the jury box, the majority of jurors securing vertices of acquittal by threatening the minority. The Times question and to receive instructions. declares the absence of outrage among the worst symptoms; in truth being an intimation of the terror PAILURE OF THE GRAIN CROP OF THE SASKATCHEnow general. Agents of the League are no longer obliged to resort to violence to insure obedience to the League's decrees. The Home Rule members of Parliament assemble in Dublin on Monday at Parnell's invitation to settle the programme of the coming session. It is intimated that Parnell and the other indicted members will announce their intention to cefy the Court and appear at Westminster. Mr. Chamberlain's friends again assert measures never shall be while Mr. Chamberlain is a Minister: all of which affords vast comfort to lawbreakers of every degree as they wish each other " Merry Christmas," and plot starvation and ruin to their law-abiding countrymen, Lord Carnaryon'spassionate diatribe against Mr. Bright elicits general disapproval, the Liberals denouncing it as a breach of political good manners. The Tories are silent. The speech appears at a most inopportune moment, when Carnaryon's colonial policy is bearing evil fruit. Mr. Bright's friends say he does not intend to

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. Notwithstanding contradictions, the Marquis of Ripon's friends say his resignation of the Viceroyship of India is expected speedily, and is certain before long. His wife and others near him are seriously alarmed about his health. They think his life will be imperilled if his stay is prolonged. It is well known that Lady Ripon was strongly opposed to his acceptance of the office originally and now is exceedingly auxious for him to resign before his constitution is undermined. Speculation is busy as to his probable successor. Mr. Goschen is again named, but he declined the office before, largely from his wife's opposition, and it is understood be now is desirous of returning to Constantinople to settle the Greek question. Lord Rosebery is much mentioned. His immediate acceptauce is impossible. The appointment, if possible would be extremely popular. People say the Marquis of Ripon is greatly liked by the natives and has done much to efface the evil impression left by Lord Lytton. Lord Lytton is reported to be much aunoved by the coldness of his reception on returning to England, he meeting indifference even among Tories; hence his extraordinary illegal outburst in speaking to the volunteers, for which Childers rebukes him. Lord Lytton's thought answer strengthens the impression of his unfitness for high public duties. It is understood Lord Lytton is preparing a long speech, which he intends to deliver in the House of Lords early next session, reviewing and defending the whole Indian administration and Jingo policy, refusing even now to admit or accept as accomplished the collapse of that disastrous Afghan adventure. Arthur Peel's regretted resignation will probably oceasion another offer of office to Leonard Courtney, whom the Government attempted to secure last spring. Mr. Courtney's friends say it is unlikely that he will accept. Mr. Gladstone's confidants are asserting also that the post is destined for Hibbert, or some other more attached personal follower of the Prime Minister. It is doubtful whether Courtney's known dissent from the Government's policy in South Africa will permit him to accept or

THE DEATH OF "GEORGE ELIOT."

"George Eliot's" death moves profoundly the best English circles. The newspaeulogies, though almost unstinted, hardly overstate the general sense of loss. Many inaccurate particulars are published respecting her life; the truth being that "George

Spencer contradicts the story that he educated "George Eliot," saying he knew her only after her character was formed, after she translated the "Life of Jesus," by Strauss, or after 1851, when she was already distinguished by that breadth of culture and universality of power which has since made her known all over the world. A private meeting, convened yesterday, at the Athenœum Club, of eminent friends, unanimously resolved against the injudicious proposal for her burial in Westminster Abbey. Dean Stanley was ready to accede to the proposal, if desired. It is now settled that her funeral

Many Americans in London are inquiring with solicitude whether General Garfield intends to retain Mr. Lowell as Minister to England. There is a universal desire that Mr. Lowell should continue at the post which he has filled under difficult public circum-

will take place on Wednesday, in Kensal Green.

MINISTER LOWELL.

stances and stress of domestic trouble with singular ability and general acceptance. The real truth is that no American Minister has shown himself more great popularity among the best English people, with a wide and favorable reputation among all business. Thear numerous expressions of opinion of his English friends and American alike deprecal-

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

TRYING TO SEITLE THE GREEK CLAIM. RUSSIA FAVORABLE TO ABBITRATION, LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 25, 1880.

nouncing that Rossia has agreed to arbitration of the Greek frontier question provided that Turkey and Greece promise to accept the decision of the Powers, extion scheme does not refer to the proposal of the Powers

but to the demand put forward by Tarkey.

A Renter dispatch from Athens says that two memhers of the diplomatic body recently had an unofficial interview with M. Comoundouros, President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs, relative to European arbitration, and, it is understood, he decimed the pro-

If the Porte access arbitration of the Greek question

The wife and two sons of the Russian Grand Dake Nicholas have arrived at Athens. They are the guests possibility of continuing to administer justice under | of King George, and were entertained at a State banquet

The Russian Minister at Athens has been summeted

THE BRITISH FAR WEST.

WAN DISTRICT. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 25,-The Hudson's Bay Company recently sent a gaug of men up the Saskatchewan River to bring down coal. They seemed a good seam, three feet thick, about fifteen miles up, but were prevented by the ice running down the river from

Mr. Lucas, the Indian farm instructor at Prince Albert, Northwest Territory, reports that his mission is a success. There are between 490 and 500 Indians under his charge, and these, he reports, are making that no measures of coercion have ever been adopted at a Cabinet meeting. They loudly proclaim such bushels of wheat were raised this year. The Indians are acquiring herds of cattle, building houses, and are generally taking kindly to new departures from their old project of the latest news from the Saskatchewan district show

THE REVOLT IN THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 25, 1880. A dispatch from Durban to The Times says: Sir George Pomeroy Colley has received a dispatch from Pretorn dated the 18th inst., communicating a decree of the Transvani Republic declaring that there was no desire to spill blood, nor did the Republic wish for war. It rested with the British whether the Republic would be forced to appeal to arms in self-defence, which would be done with all reverence for the Queen, and would be done with all reverence for the Queen, and with the full knowledge that it was a struggle for the sanctity of treates which had been broken by British officers. It was hoped that an amicable arrangement would be arrived at with Major Lanyon, for the Republic was anxious to cooperate with England in everything leading to progress. This could only be done when its independence was acknowledged. An answer was exindependence was acknowledged. An answer was ex-pected within twenty-four hours.

It was in answer to this decree that Major Lanyon issued his proclamation effering pardon to all who immediately withdraw from the malcontent camp.

REPORTED PAPAL OPINIONS.

London, Saturday, Dec. 25, 1880. The correspondent of The Times at Rome says: "I am justified in asserting that the Land-Learne in Ireland falls distinctly within the category of Asso ciations regarded by the Vatican as revolutionary, and when the Pope, as in the document published in the Osservatore Romano, deploring the serious character of the agitation in Ireland, etc., for the

SUICIDE OF A PRESIDENT-ELECT.

BERNE, Saturday, Dec. 25, 1880. M. Anderwert, who was recently elected President of the Swiss Confederation for 1881, committed suicide at 9 o'clock this evening in the public promenace, by shooting blunseif with a revolver.—[The Swiss President is elected annually by the Federal Assorbite.]

TO EUROPE BY WAY OF HALIFAX. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 25.-The purchase by the Government last summer of the Riviere Du Loup Branch has reduced the rail charges, which were previously a hindrance to Halifax as a point of ocean shipment. There are also saved, in addition, three days' time in crossing the Atlantic each way. The cost of la-bor at Halifax and New York also counts in layor of the former, while the following is the difference in custom and port dues: Halifax, \$52.50; New York, \$41.90; Baltimore, \$410; Philadelpina, \$424; Boston, \$36.30.

MLLE. BERNHARDT IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 25 .- Sarah Bernhardt gave performances to-day, in the afternoon and evening, and both were fairly attended. This concludes her engage ment here. She will leave for the United States on Mon day.

A NEW TELEGRAPH LINE. St. John, N. B., Dec. 25.-Telegraphic ommunication with Grand Manan has been opened.

FOREIGN NOTES.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 1880. The second session of the Provisional Assembly of Eastern Roumelia was closed yesierday by Alego Pacha, Governor General, in the presence of the Consular body. The Hamburg-American Line steamer Silesia, Captain Albers, from Hamburg for New-York, which sailed from Havre yesterday, took out from the latter port the sum of \$200,000 in specie.

RAILROAD CASCALTIES.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 25 .- There was a collision on the Atlants and Charlotte Railroad yesterday at 11 s. m., about twelve miles north of Atlanta, between the south-bound Charlotte express train and respecting her life; the truth being that "George Eliot" lived in much retirement, though surrounded Keys, the engineer of the express train, was instantly being hit with present and chunks of coal thrown at the prisoners subdued them. Several convicts were seriously injured by

by a circle of intimately-attached friends. Herbert | killed, and his colored fireman so severely injured that he died in two hours afterward. Kidwell, the engineer of the freight train, and his fireman both jumped off and escaped injury. There is a conflict as to the responsi-bility. No passenger was burt. The fast mail from the South and the express fram, both due early this morning,

South and the express train, both due early this morning, were delayed by the wreek.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 25.—Alifred W. Clum, of Jersey (Ity, a brakeman on a freight train of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was struck by a bridge, near Princeton Junction, this morning, and was instantly killed.

MERIDEN, Conn., Dec. 25.—Edward Purcell, a gate-tender, was killed to-day by the limited express train from New-York.

THE GRAIN CROP OF KANSAS.

A LARGE PRODUCT THE COMING YEAR. FAVORABLE REPORTS FROM FARMERS ALONG THE LINE OF THE KANSAS PACIFIC-THE GROUND

AND PLANTS IN GOOD CONDITION.

ioner of the Kansas Division of the Union Pacific Railroad has just received interesting reports on the condition of the winter grain crop along the line of the Kansas Division. The reports embrace the period between December 15 and December 20 They indicate unusually fine crops for the coming year. The early sown wheat in Russell County is in excellent condition, and in Collyer County the prospect for a good crop has not been better since the country has been opened up. Ottawa County has not had so good an outlook for a heavy crop in ten years, and a good growth is looked for on 3,000 acres of Ottawa County. A great deal of wheat was sown late in Gove County, but the ground was in good condition when winter set in. Ellis County farmers are more hopeful of a good crop tiam they have been for five years past. Graham County sho sends an encouraging report. The reports in detail are as follows:

drouin as yet. Should the season conlinue favorable there will be an abundant yield of this cereal in this section of the State.

Ellis County.—There is a finer prospect here for an abundant wheat erop during the coming season than there has been for the past five years. At no time during 1877-778, when we had our heaviest yield of wheat, and it begin to compare with the present. The heavy fail of rain during the past summer and the occasional showers since have so saturated his ground that no drouin can now affect it. The early-sown wheat is looking a little the best, but all the wheat is looking very fine. The acreage sown is about the same as in 1879.

Should a County.—We could not have a more promising prospect man the entire fall sowing presents at this time. The acreage is not great, not over 3.000 in the county, but is well distributed, each man having from five to twenty acres. It has a good growth, and the roots are in a vigorous condition.

Gove County.—The prospects for early sown wheat and wheat that was well put in are good. Quire a large amount of the wheat in this vicinity was sown rather late and does not make as much show as it might, but I think it is all right, from the fact that the ground was in fine condition when winter set in, and we have had some snow end on the 17th of this month abundant rain.

Graham County.—During the past month I have been in nearly every part of Graham County, and find that the wheat is in a fine and nealing condition. The prespects are excellent for a bountifier harvest next season.

A MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE.

Chicago, Dec. 25.-A peculiarly distressing and unaccountable su cide took place on Lake ave., near Thirty-much-st., this afternoon. Miss Ada Hebden, a young lady of twenty-two years of age, engaging in manner and highly esseemed by her acquaintances, resided there with her brother, Robert Hebden, assistant manager of the Bank of Montreal in this city. List

SHOT IN A RAILWAY TRAIN.

St. Louis, Dec. 25,-A report comes from Neelysville, Builer County, Mo., a place on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway, that while a pas senger train was there yesterday a man from St. Louis, whose name is not given, snot R. P. Jones and wife, of Smith's Ferry, Beaver County, Penn., and Dr. J. H. Rogers, of Oreil, Texas, and then escaped to the woods. All were passengers on the train. Mrs. Jones is danger ously wounded in the head; her husband was said in the hand, and Dr. Rogers received a severe flesh wound in the shoulder. Mr. Jones and wife were lett in Carn-ing in ears of the ratiroad agent, and Mr. Rogers con-tinued his journey to Texas. The affair seems to be in-volved in great mystery.

SNOW-STORMS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST,

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 25 .- A heavy snowstorm began here this forenoon. DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 25 .- A heavy snow-storm began

here about 11 a. m. and continued all day. The snow was several inches deep at smast, and any. The snew was several inches deep at smast, and is still failing. Cincinnati, Dec. 25.—Telegrams report a constant and heavy snow fail at day between the longitude of Vincennes and the Alleghenies, and from the latitude of the southern line of Kentucky north.

MURDERED BY EX-GOVERNOR SCOTT.

Tolebo, Ohio, Dec. 25 .- At Napoleon, Ohio, last night, General R. K. Scott, ex-Governor of South Carolina, and now a resident of Napoleon, shot and killed a young man by the name of Drury. The affray was the result of a quarrel in relation to a son of General Scott. Drury was a clerk in a drug store, a young man of good standing in the community, and was to have been married on Tuesday next.

MUTINY IN A JAIL.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 25 .- Twenty prisoners in the County Jail mutinied to day and all the police in the south end of the town were called into quell them. One shot was fired, but without fatal results. Cold

LIFE IN WASHINGTON.

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL EVENTS. CHRISTMAS DAY ENJOYED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT -- PETITION OF THE OKLAHOMA

COLONISTS-RANK IN THE NAVY. The President and other members of the Government passed Christmas Day in social enjoyment. Many entertainments are planned for the winter in Washington. The agent of the Oklahoma colonists is endeavoring to obtain Government sanction of the scheme to seize lands in the Indian Territory. A commission is shortly to be appointed to report on the question of rank in the Navy.

GAYETIES OF SOCIAL LIFE. PRESIDENT HAYES ON CHRISTMAS DAY-DINNERS AND RECEPTIONS OF PROMINENT OFFICIALS-

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TERRUNE. Washington, Dec. 25 -The President and Mrs. Hayes spent a quiet but much-enjoyed Christmas at the Executive Mansion to-day. Two sons were absent, Birchard and Rutherford Hayes; the remaining two, and Fanny, the daughter, with Miss Lucy Cook, a cousin of Mrs. Hayes, made up the family party. After breakfast a distribution of presents took place, in anticipation of which Mrs. Hayes spent Friday afternoon shopping on Pennsylvaniaave. Dinner was served at 5 o'clock. The President is peculiarly a family man, and on this occasion he was radiant in a batton-hole bouquet. He looks the picture of dignified contentment, and no ludy could prepare to resign the social honors of the White House more gracefully than Mrs. Hayes. She will enteriain several lady guests this winter, most of whom are expected before New-Year's day. Among these are Mrsa Mills,

of California, a daughter of D. O. Mills, Miss Aggie Devens, a niece of the Attorney-General, and Miss

Navy Assembly Club witt give four assemblies on

to the year and there is more winter wheat one year.

Others Connty.—A larger breadth of winter weath has been sown than in any previous year. The soil was in the work, has a rule, was well done. At this date it is looking spiendidy, and the promise has not been better for a fine crop, at this season of the year, for the post ten of a grown in October, but the cold weather coming on to check it earlier than usual, there seems to have been very favorable thus far, and the farmers' prospects are bright undeed.

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The testimonial is of silver, very elegant, and is the joint contribution of his associates on the Commission. The Literary Society, of which General Garfield is president, will meet Monday evening, the 27th, at the residence of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett. The same evening the Hon. W. W. Corcoran will dine at the Louise Home to celebrate his eighty-second birthday, and a reception will there be given him on the part of his beneficiaries of the Home and a few invited guests. The expected associac of Mrs. Ogle Taylor, president of the Hoard of Lady Managers of the Home, on this occasion, is much regretted. This venerable lady is defained at Troy, N. Y., by illness. Governor-elect Porter, of Indiana, late First Controller of the Treasury, will be married January 5 to Miss Stone, an estimable and wealthy New-York lady, who has visited Washington as the guest of the Treasury. lary, who has visited Washington as the guest of the Hon, G. W. Scofield, Register of the Treasury,

THE OKLAHOMA COLONISTS. THEIR AGENT IN WASHINGTON-WHAT HE HOPES TO EFFECT-HIS ARRAIGNMENT OF THE ALLEGED INDIAN RING.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 .- Dr. Robert M. Wilson, of Jefferson, Texas, but estensibly from Oklahoma, Indian Territory, arrived in Washington some days ago as the accredited agent of the settlers now encamped at Caldwell, Kansas, with ample powers to treat with the United States Government respecting the proposed feruption of white settlers into the Government lands at Oklahoma. Dr. Wilson presents a picturesque appearance in a white sombrero, heavy blue flannel shirt, with no collar, diamond study to

match an immense solitaire ring, and a full beard a

Dr. Wilson says, in effect, that he has come to represent the case of his people to the President, to Congress and the public generally. The territory which the settlers have in their mind's eye is only separated from Southern Kansas by a strip of In-Wilson styles the opposition of the Indian Ring. This ring, he says, is composed of Army officers and | from contractors, who make a good thing out of the tribute they are now enabled to levy on the herds of large cattle-dealers who are permitted to cross the territory. This tribute amounts to about half a dollar on each head of stock, and in the aggregate amounts to a large sum each year. Poor men, however, are strictly forbidden to set foot within the charmed circle.

The 14,000,000 acres of arable lands, says the Doctor, which are held by the Government, and from which the Indians themselves have been debarred access for several years past by legislation attached to appropriation bills, are the God-given heritage of the people who care to go in and possess it; and if the Government persists in its denial of those rights, they will be assumed in spite of such denial, though an Indian war follow

Dr. Wilson exhibited a certificate of colonization, signed by D. L. Payne as president, and W. A. Shuman as secretary. The certificate simply sets forth that in consideration of the payment by A. B. of \$2, he thereby beomes a member of the Oklahoma Colony, and is entitled to all its benefits and protection, and to an equal voice in all matters pertaining to its local government. The colonists now at Caldwell number some 500 or 600 in all, and are well armed either with heavy double-barrelled shot-guns or rifles of the best pattern, besides small arms of every de-

scription. "We do not intend to give it out that we are son. "But on such an enterprise and in a wild country like Oklahoma we think the possession of arms a measure of precaution, and moreover they armed for any sinister purpose," explained Dr. Wil-

are essential in procuring the means of livelihood where hunting is one of the leading industries." Dr. Wilson says, however, that if Payne's crowd goes into the Indian Territory without the con-

sent of the Government there will be trouble, as the Indians are thoroughly under the influence

ing said that in such an event he would "turn 6,000 well-armed Indians loose on the colonists." Dr. Wilson denies that the railroads have anything whatever to do with the movement. If it succeeds, he says, the railroads will not by that fact acquire any right of way through the Territory. Dr. Wilson confirms in part the story that Capain Payne has been deposed. The reason of this is not that he is unpopular with his own people, but that he has enemies throughout the West, and particularly with the Indian Ring. The man who will probably succeed Payne is Major Maidt, who is personally without enemies. Dr. Wilson says be has already seen a number of the Congressmen from Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, and they are, to use his expression, "beart and soul with the enterprise." GOVERNOR-REECT PORTER.

of the Dr. Wilson is not very well informed as to the Pr. Wisson is not very well informed as to the treaties and laws relaxing to the lands in question, and admits as much. He is simply the personal representative of a company of rough men like brushelf, who are on the lookout for a chance to make "a strike." There is not the slightest probability that Dr. Wilson will succeed in his efforts with the

of the "Ring," He quoted Major Randall as hav-

PAYMENT FOR THE DEPUTY MARSHALS.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TELEUNE,) Washington, Dev. 25,...Some of the leading Republicans here are considering the advisability of attempting to secure an appropriation at this session for the payment of United States Marshals and over the city yesterday triumphed completely over Deputy Marshals. The amount due, which the depressing tendencies of damp, forgy weather Democracy has refused to appropriate, is now about

the Navy Decartment during the past week for the The distinctive features of the day, however, examination of such officers of the Pay Corps on may be were seen best by home firesides. The feelings of President remains in the city. The Attorney-General spent Christman are well-established in their new home.

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CHANGES IN THE ARMY.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Adjutant-General Drum has issued a general order containing a detailed statement of the appointments, promotions and eaths in the Army since May 24, the present year. It is a history in brief of the Army for the past six months. The various changes made were made public in various Army orders, as usual, as fast as they occurred, and have been chronicled already in THE TRIBENE. There were six officers retried, six who resigned, thirteen who died, and three who ware died.

THE FIRE RECORD.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN OGDENSBURG.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 25.-A fire broke and destroyed the block. The first floor was occupied by C. E. Herriman, grocer, whose loss is \$3,000; insurance, \$1,800; see ad floor, The Advance office, loss \$9,000; insurance, \$7,200; third floor, J. H. Nicholson, printers' supplies, loss \$2,000; insurance not known. The rollowing occupiers of the adjacent block suffered somewhat by fire and water, but are fully insured; En spooner, furniture dealer, Charles Paris, and Joseph Placus, merchant tallor. Spooner, furniture dealer Placus, merchant tailor.

FATE OF A DRUNKARD'S WIFE.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 25 .- A fire broke out in a frame dwelling on Front-si, this morning and destroyed the building. Mrs. Henry Johnson was in bed in the house at the time, and was burned to death. It is that her husband, who was under the influence r, kicked a kerosene lump over and set fire to the He has been placed under arrest.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Cincinnati, Dec. 25.-A special dispatch to The Guzette, from Toledo, says: "Mr. Anthony, a farmer residing twenty-five miles south of this city, to-day went with his wife to a fair at Weston, leaving their two children at home. On returning they found their two children mashes, and the charred remains of their children among

FIRES ELSEWHERE.

NORWAY, Me., Dec. 25,-A two-story frame lock, owned by Charles Hathaway, and occupied as a meat market, cigar factory. The New Religion news-paper office, and a boot and shoe store, was destroyed by fire to-day. The less is \$5,000; insured.

Boston, Dec. 25.-The Phonix House at Dedham, Mass., an old landmark, occupied as a hotel by Mr. Eaton, was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss on building is \$6.000; insured for \$4,500. Mr. Eaton's loss is between \$3,000 and \$4,000, partially insured.

NARROWLY ESCAPING THE FLAMES.

Fire broke out at 10 o'clock last night in the rooms of Morton Strasberg, a Hebrew tailor, on the first floor of No. 96 Rivington-st. The building, a three-story frame, was entirely burned out. Johanna Kraemer, forty-three years old, lived on dian reservation fifty-seven miles in width, but the second floor with her four children. Her they dare not cross this in the face of what Dr. rooms filled with smoke, and escape by the stairs being cut off, she jumped window to the Her son Robert, age sixteen, took two of the children on his back, and escaped by climbing down a clothes-line to the first floor, and dropping the rest of the distance to the ground. The families on the third floor were taken out through the roof and escaped to an adjoining building.

The property is owned by Mrs. Beck, of No. 18
Willoughby-ave. Erooklyn, and was damaged to the extent of \$700. Strasberg was insured for \$1,000. Neither he nor any of his family could be found last night. Mrs. Kraemer was attended by a physician, who said that no bones were broken, but she was suffering from a severe shock.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

DEATH OF AN EX-CHAMPION WRESTLER.
FAIRFIELD, VI., Dec. 25.—James E. Owens, exchampion wrest et, died last evening of broachial trouble,
TRIAL FOR ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.
NEW-BRUNSWICS, N. J., Dec. 25.—The trial of R.
6. Maior, city collector, for the alleged embezzlement of
\$25.060, begins before Judge Scudder on Monday.
THE BODY OF A STUDENT RECOVERIO.
BOSTON, Dec. 25.—The body of Francis Hamilton
Harvey, of Indianapolis, the Harvard law student who was
drowned yesterday, was recovered this afternoon.
A PLAY DISCONTINUED.
BOSTON, Dec. 25.—D'Ennery's drams, "Voyagers
in Southern Seas, or the Children of Captain Grant," was
discontinued to might after beding performed for nine weeks.

DEATH FROM HYDNOPHOBIA.

DEATH FROM HYDROPHOBIA.

BOSTON, Dic. 25.—Frederick Stevens, a young man, died from hydrophobia at Plymouth, Mass, to-day. H was bitten while in Nova scotta some mouths ago.

A BRAKEMAN MURDERED.

St. Louis, Dec. 25.—A brief dispatch from Pactic, Missouri, says Andrew Best, a negro, shot and killed Patrick Crow, a switch brakeman, at that place last night.

STABBED IN COLUMBUS.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 25.—William Wagner, proprietor of a brickyard, was stabbed fatally in a liquor store to-day by, it is supposed, an associate named Ferdinand Krost.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

THE FEAST SELDOM MORE WIDELY KEPT.

HAPPINESS IN MANY HOMES-THE CITY OVERFLOWS WITH MIETH AND GOOD-FEELING-WORSHIPPERS NOT KEPT FROM SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES BY THE UNPLEASANT WEATHER-CHARITY AT THE MISSIONS AND IN THE DWELLINGS OF THE

terday in this city and its vicinity than it has been for years. For two weeks the 'streets and shops have been crowded with throngs of purchasers, whose expenditures were most hberal. The results of this outlay were seen vesterday in the countenances of children, radiant with smiles, and in the faces of their elders, which were more composed but equally. satisfied. Owing to the general prosperity. benevolent persons were able to gratify their kind feelings toward the poor more largely than in the years just past, and charity was given with open hand. In the lodging-houses, hospitals, asylums and charitable institutions bounteous dinners were served to the inmates and many gifts were distributed. Church services were also well attended.

OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY.

GENERAL FEATURES OF THE FESTIVAL-SCENES IN THE MISSIONS-THE HOSPITALS AND PRISONS

unions and sat dewn at happy Christmas dinners; but for the church-goers the wet, slippery sidewalks, covered with half-melted snow, and the fifthy crossings were more serious matters. Ser-Washington, · Dec. 25.—A Board of pay content of the Navy consisting of Pay Director T. H. Locker (president), Pay-Director John S. Connegham. decorated the alters, and the musical parts of the

for promotion, and the first will indeabtealy be ordered up for examination. In regard to Stevenson motiling can be done until the decision of the Board regarding the Davis case is made known.

Will as view of decision the greatent training a Beard of Naval Onleys, consisting of Commodere John C. Prong r as president, and Melley-Decetor John M. Brown, Captain William A. Kirkand, Chief-Enginer John W. Moste, Commander Robert L. Payting Paymactor A. S. Kenny as members, and Lientenant-Communication of January 6, next. The Board will mily consider the case of scan commissioned efficer on the active list of the Navy below the grate of Rear-Admiral, and will rapid to the Seestary of the Navy for his considering the first of the Navy for his considering the first of the Navy for his considering the case of each of such officers should be estimated in determining their precedence under existing law. BOUNTY FLOWING THROUGH THE MISSIONS.

Much charity was dispensed by benevolent wealthy persons, who in their own happiness were still mendful of those who are poor and can do little Missions of the city were the channels through which this bounty generally flowed. A Christmas dinner was provided by Mrs. John Jacob Astor for the inmates of the Girls' Lodging-House, No. 27 St. Mark's-place. About forty persons partook of the turkey and accompaniments, which were served at 1 o'clock. In the evening there was a Christman tree which was handsomely decorated and loaded with useful presents. This was presented by Alderman Charles H. Marshall. After the distribution of the presents, games and dancing occupied the evening, in the course of which ices and cake were served. out this morning in the office of *The Advance* newspaper and destroyed the block. The first floor was occupied by Addresses were made by the Rev. Thomas J. May and the Superintendent, Henry Johnson. About \$1.800; see and floor, *The Advance* office, loss \$9,000:

250 children were present, each of whom was presented with candy and fruit.

Ten or cleven hundred happy children poured through the doors of the floward Mission, at No. 40 New-Bowery, between the hours of 12 and 1, to partake of its hasattality. The youngest of these were sent to the school-room in the basement, and the older pupils occupied the chapet. This room was elaborately trimmed with evergeen motions, bespeaking a hearty welcome and a merry Christmas. On the platform was a huge Christmas tree, from the branches of which were suspended bags of candy and chains of pon-corn. At the base of this were piled boxes containing more suostantial presents. The exercises were opened with a prayer by Mr. Thompkins, the superintendent, after which the children sang a number of hymns. There were some visitors present, to see the happiafter which the children sang a number of hymns. There were some visitors present, to see the happiness to winch they had contributed. The presents were distributed at 4 o'clock, each of the children receiving a bar of candy, with toys and a suit of clothes. An excellent dinner was then serve!. In the evening, a dinner was given to their parents.

The children who attend the Five Points' Mission School, at No. 61 Parkest, were only comparatively happy yesterday. Thanksgiving is the great day of the year for them. Then they are sinfled with turkey and mines are, while on Christons, they are

the year for them. Then they are sinfled with tur-key and mince pie, while on Christians they are dieted on confectionery and frait. Six hundred of them, however, presented themselves at the school yesterday, and shey were each presented with a bag containing an apple, an orange, a banama and some nuts, raisins, pop-corn and cake. The 400 children at the Five Points House of Industry, at No. 155 Worth's ... enjoyed an enter-tainment in the afternoon consisting of music and recitations, after which they were given a dinner, Christians at this institution continues for several Christians at this institution continues for several days. Friday the children all received clothing; yesterday they were dined; Monday they are to receive a bag of candy and frait; Tuesday, what-eyer remains from the feast is to be distributed among those who are able to call for it.

At St. Barnabas's Home, at No. 306 Mulberry-st.,

there were communion services in the morning. The chaplain, the nev. James H. Appleton, preached. The chaplain, the new, James H. Appleton, preached, In the alternoon the doors were opened to the poor of the neighborhood, and nearly a hundred hungry, men, women and children sat down to a turkey dinner. Tuesday the Sunday-school children will have their Christmas tree, and Thursday the nurses and children of the House will be entertained in a similar manner.

At the American Female Guardian Society and Home for the Friendless, at No. 32 East Thirtiethst., more than 100 children participated in the Christmas dinner, in the presence of a number of patrons and visitors. On Christmas-eve a festival was held in the chapel. Two trees were loaded with presents, which were distributed among the chil-

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At the House of Reception of the New-York Juvenie Asylum, at No. 61 West Thirteenth-st., dinner was provided for over ninety boys under the charge of E. D. Carpenter.

The festival at the House of the Holy Family, at No. 186 Second-ave, consisted of mass in the chapet at 7 a. am., at which the eighty-five young girl inmates of the institution, the sisters and patrons of the society were present, and the presentation of useful and ornamental articles from a handsomely, decorated Christmas tree. In the afternoon alavish dinner was served.

NEWSBOYS AND STREET WAIFS MADE HAPPY NEWSBOYS AND STREET WAIFS MADE HAPPY.

At the East Side Boys' Lodging House, at Heury, and Gouverneur-sts., 150 boys sat down yesterday afternoon to a bounteous dinner, which was provided for them by Major Phillip Schuyler. After the dinner their by shajor raming schuyler. After the dinner there was an entertainment, arranged by the
boys themselves, consisting of specches dialogues
and music. The boys were then presented with
flannel shirts, the g t of Howard Potter, Robert
Fulton Cutting and Mrs. Bayard.

About 500 boys were given a dinner yesterday at
the Newsboys' Lodging House, at Duane and Chambers-sts. The boys were also presented with flannel
shirts.

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The 120 boot-blacks, newsboys and little pedlers of the Boys' Lodging House, at No. 709 East Eleventhst., were provided with a bountiful dinner of turkey and plum-pudding by James R. Roosevelt. After they had partaken heartily of this unusual fare, they saig Christmas carols and glees, and were entertained with songs by a choir composed of boys and girls from the night school of the institution. One hundred blue flannel shirts were distributed by Superintendent Dupny, and shoes, socks and mittens were given to those most needing these articles. All these were presented by Judge Hooper C. Van Vorst, W. Bayard Catting and Elliot F. Shepard.

At the Wilson Boys' Lodging-House, No. 211 West